

# RELATIONSHIPS

## PART 4 — REAL CONFLICT

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Let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. (1 John 3:18, Message)

### WHAT CAUSES CONFLICT?

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. (James 4:1-2)

- ✓ Unfulfilled \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Under-valuing \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Undisciplined \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Underlying \_\_\_\_\_

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. (Romans 3:23, NLT)

If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. (Mark 3:25, NKJV)

### A CHOICE TO MAKE

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:2, NLT)

"I can't change \_\_\_\_\_.  
I can only let God \_\_\_\_\_."

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-5)

He said to his relatives, "Gather some stones." So they took stones and piled them in a heap, and they ate there by the heap. (Genesis 31:46)

"It takes \_\_\_\_\_ for conflict to \_\_\_\_\_."

### SEEKING & PURSUING PEACE

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. (1 Peter 3:8-11)

1. I will \_\_\_\_\_ before I \_\_\_\_\_

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. (Ephesians 4:26-27)

2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:19-21)

[God] does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. (Psalm 103:10)

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